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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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THE CRAZY OBSERVER

"Twenty-eight below zero and still going down," said the observer to himself as he swung his thermometer back and forth just above the soft snow surface in a hollow. Footfalls squeaked near by, and the dark outline of a man appeared.

"It's thirty below zero over here," volunteered the observer.

"I know it's cold," said the man with a flashlight, "But I can't believe it's so cold as that. Come over and see what the temperature is up here. I'm a policeman."

"It's much warmer in the snow, 31 above. Now it's 32 below zero over here," replied the observer.

"Come observe over here, it's cold enough."

"The temperature is still going down, it's 33 below," said the observer as he reluctantly went to the policeman. Then, "It's 20 below up here."

"Now, suppose you find out what the temperature is up by the bridge," said the policeman. Then, "Let's go into this store."

A mass of fog marked the opening of the door; The storekeeper and his wife eyed the observer skeptically, and the policeman began asking questions: Name, place of residence, business, what the observer was doing: "And do you really believe the temperature was 33 degrees Fahrenheit below zero down there?"

Soon the policeman was satisfied that the observer was legitimately engaged, and said that people in the vicinity on seeing the flashing of the flashlight, once early in the evening and again an hour later, had called the police to investigate.

"It isn't the first time people have thought me crazy," said the observer as he told of some experiences watching clouds from a busy thoroughfare.

"It is 14 below zero outside now and what makes it so much colder down by the brook is that the cold air slides into the hollows," the observer explained.

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